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Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	Tran, Hien Thi
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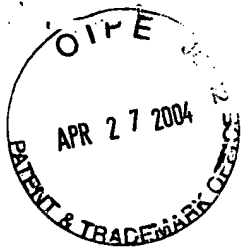
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Wolfgang Held

Serial No.: 09/252,507

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Title: **Spark-Ignited Internal Combustion
Engine Oxide Gas Absorbing
Arrangement and Method**

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**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED January 29, 2004**

In response to the Final Office Action, mailed January 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the remarks below.

The two-month shortened statutory period for reply will be due March 29, 2004, therefore, this response is considered to be filed timely.